



## Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

# AN Patrick Northrup



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*Northrup tapes down equipment used to help balance the aircraft's propellers.*



*Even an act as simple as tightening a plug to a piece of equipment is still important said Northrup.*

Today's Sailor of the Day is AN Patrick Northrup of VAW-112 "Golden Hawks" Aircraft Division. Having only been a part of his squadron since deployment began, Northrup is a major part of his shop's positive attitude, according to AMC (AW) Presbitero, Aircraft Division LCPO for the Golden Hawks.

"Airman Northrup brings an infectious can-do attitude to everything that he does," said Presbitero.

Northrup's job in Aircraft Department consists of an aircraft mechanic's workload.

"I do the job of an AD (Aviation Machinist's Mate). It's basically troubleshooting all engine mechanics and regular inspections of the engines," he said.

Northrup plans to strike AT (Aviation Electronics Technician) on the upcoming March exam. Though not in his desired rate, he is more than content where he is for now.

"I think a mechanic is pretty important. Without them you can't fly the birds. It is a lot of responsibility. That is why I want to strike AT, it is an important job too.

When doing the job, Northrup keeps one adage in mind.

"Cutting corners costs lives," he said. "I find out how to get a job done and do it. If I don't have the resources to do it, I find them."

This is the kind of attitude that has given Northrup his Sailor of the Day mentality.

"You have to make sure that you get the job done right. If you only go halfway, something could break or worse," he said.

Beyond striking AT, Northrup plans to take college courses and work towards his degree.



*Northrup connects gear to the propeller of his aircraft to make sure the plane's propellers are balanced properly.*

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